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**Morris/Sussex Vicinage  
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**Morris/Sussex Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day**

The Morris/Sussex Vicinage will hold National Adoption Day celebrations to honor families who have adopted children during the past year.

The Sussex County event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Sussex County Judicial Center, 43-47 High St., Newton. Judge Michael P. Wright will preside over several adoptions. The program will include remarks by Judge Wright and Sussex County Surrogate Gary Chiusano. A keynote speech will be delivered by an adoptive father.

The Morris County event will be held on Friday, Nov. 22 at noon at the Morris County Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St., Morristown. Judge Maritza Berdote Byrne will preside over several adoptions, followed by a program featuring remarks by Judge Berdote Byrne and two families who have each adopted a child in the past year.

The events are cohosted by the Morris/Sussex Vicinage, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Morris and Sussex Counties (CASA), and the Morris and Sussex County bar associations.

Both programs will conclude with receptions for the adoptive families and guests.

National Adoption Day celebrations are part of a national effort to raise awareness of the 107,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families, to celebrate adoptive families, and to encourage others to adopt.

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**Although adoptions are closed to the public, reporters can contact Dawn Carruth, assistant family division manager, at 973-656-4311 with requests to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings have concluded.**

